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When the alien Skrulls invaded Earth the British superheroes of government intelligence department MI-13 answered the call to fight. The combined forces of young doctor Faiza Hussain, agency boss Pete Wisdom, vampire turned heroine Spitfire, the Black Knight, and a newly resurrected Captain Britain managed to turn the tide, but at a terrible cost. Left with little options, Pete Wisdom made a deal with the forces of evil to banish all Skrulls from Britain. But now evil is loose and the work of MI-13 has only just begun.

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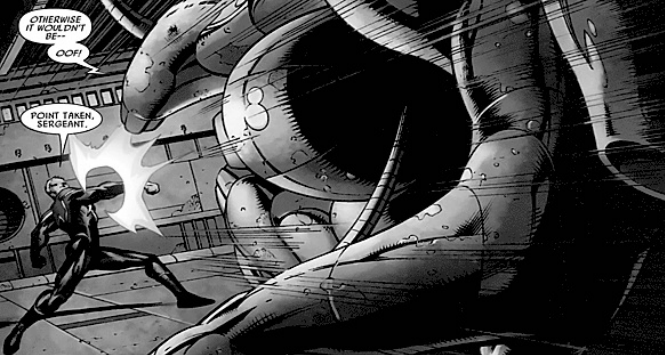
YOU S.A.S.
LADS TAKE YOUR
WORK SERIOUSLY,
DON'T YOU?

IF I DIDN'T
KNOW BETTER,
I'D THINK YOU
WERE TRYING
TO KILL ME.

WE ARE,
SIR.

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HELL COMES TO BIRMINGHAM

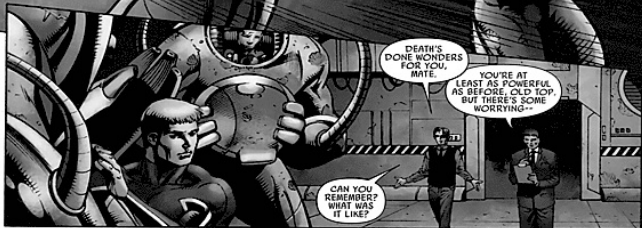
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OTHERWISE
IT WOULDN'T
BE--

OOF!

POINT TAKEN,
SERGEANT.



DEATH'S
DONE WONDERS
FOR YOU,
MATE.

YOU'RE AT
LEAST AS POWERFUL
AS BEFORE, OLD TOP.
BUT THERE'S SOME
WORRYING--

CAN YOU
REMEMBER?
WHAT WAS
IT LIKE?



ONE MINUTE...
BOOM. THE
NEXT... I'M IN
LANCASHIRE.

PROBABLY
FOR THE BEST.
HEY, DID YOU
ACCEPT THAT
MEDAL?



NOT MY
SORT OF THING.
NOT WHILE THE REST
OF THE WORLD HAS A
SKRULL PROBLEM
AND... YOU KNOW...
JOHN.

I THINK
WITH OUR TWO
PROSPECTIVE RECRUITS
WE'LL HAVE OUR
CORE TEAM SORTED,
THOUGH.

I SAY...





SONS OF THE SERPENT RECRUITMENT MEETING.
SOMEWHERE IN DULWICH.



GOSH,
JOE.

YOU
TAKE ME TO
THE NICEST
PLACES.





GET IN
OFF THE
ROAD!

BEFORE
SOMEONE
SEES YOU!

MUM, STOP
WORRYING!

YOU'VE BEEN
GIVEN A NUMBER
THAT'LL GET A
SUPER HERO HERE
INSTANTLY.

OH, THAT
MAKES US
FEEL SO
SECURE!

HOW DARE
YOU SIGN UP FOR
SOME DANGEROUS
GOVERNMENT JOB
AND NOT A WORD
TO US?!

<MRS.
HUSSAIN,
I PLEASE
EXCUSE>

<MY URDU
NOT MODERN
SORT. BIT USELESS.
BUT WANTED TO BE...
MEANINGLESS
CHARMING>

AHEM. I'M
THE BLACK KNIGHT,
FORMERLY OF THE
AVENGERS.

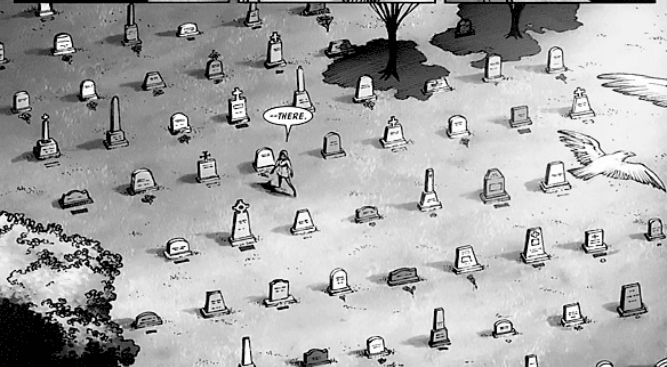
YOUR BRAVE
AND BRILLIANT
DAUGHTER HELPED
SAVE BRITAIN FROM
THE SKRULLS. AND
SAVED ME.

I'M
HERE TO
EXPLAIN.

HMPH.
WELL.
YOUR
FATHER WILL
WANT A
WORD.



A CEMETERY NEAR
STRAWBERRY HILLS,
LIVERPOOL





HUM...

WHAT?!
NOT NO! OF
COURSE
NOT!!!

I MEAN,
NOT "OF
COURSE NOT"--
BECAUSE--

OBVIOUSLY,
YOUR DAUGHTER
IS--

IS...IS. I
MEAN...SHE'S...
VERY--

MY STEWARD!
THAT'S WHAT I'M
SAYING! I WANT HER
TO BE MY NEW
STEWARD!

OH, WHAT?!
REALLY?!

IT'S ALWAYS
INTERESTING
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN I SAY THAT
TO A BOY.

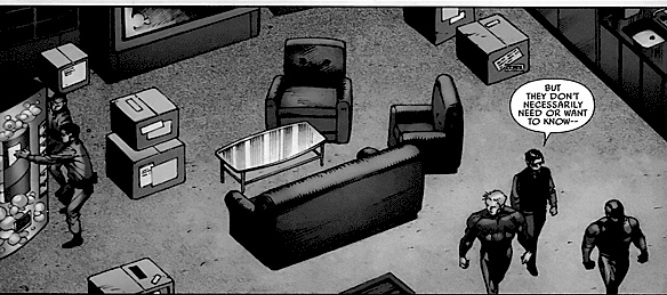
IT'S HARD
TO BE ANNOYED
AT HIM, FARIDA.
THAT IN ITSELF IS
ANNOYING.

OKAY...
DIGNITY...GONE
NOW.

LISTEN--
YOU'VE BEEN
KIND OF HARD
DONE BY.

SO, I'M
THE LOOSE
CANNON IN
THIS OUTFIT--

HOW ABOUT
I JUST TELL YOU
EVERYTHING?





--WHAT THEIR
HEROES WILL BE
FIGHTING.

THAT'S WHAT
WE KEEP SECRET.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE
WORKING WITHIN THE
INTELLIGENCE
COMMUNITY.

WE'RE
TARGETING THE
MONSTERS THAT WERE
SET FREE. AND ANY OTHERS
THAT SEE BRITAIN AS
AN EASY MARK.



MONSTERS.

NOT
"SUSPECTED
TERRORISTS". NOT
DECADENT "SUPER-
VILLAINS" OR OTHER
HEROES.

SUPERNATURAL
EVIL.

ISN'T THAT
THE BEST ANY
OF US CAN
ASPIRE TO?



FAIZA'S
POWERS ARE
DEFENSIVE, HEALING.
THEY'LL KEEP
HER SAFE.

HER IDENTITY
WILL BE KEPT
SECRET BY "D" NOTICE.
TECHNOLOGY AND MAGIC.
SHE WON'T EVEN HAVE
TO BOTHER WITH
A MASK.



ARE YOU
ASHAMED OF MY
DAUGHTER?

OH YUSUF!
MAKE UP YOUR
MIND!



IT'S TO
KEEP HER SAFE!
RUNNING THE TEAM
LIKE THIS, EMBEDDED
IN THE OFFICIAL
WORLD--



--THIS VERY
BRITISH MIX OF
PROFESSIONAL AND
AMATEUR MIGHT BE THE
BEST, MOST SECURE
WAY TO RUN A SUPER
HERO TEAM.

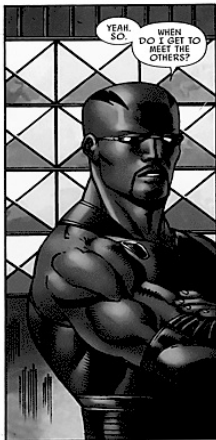
AMATEUR
ADVENTURERS,
PROFESSIONAL
RESOURCES,
INTELLIGENCE
COMMUNITY
CULTURE.

BUT--



WITH GREAT
FREEDOM WITHIN
THAT RESPONSIBILITY.
SO NOBODY GETS
COMPROMISED.

IT'S
ABOUT TIME
SOMEONE TRIED
THIS.



YEAR.
SO.

WHEN
DO I GET TO
MEET THE
OTHERS?



WE'VE GOT
A STAFF MEETING
TONIGHT--

**BAMBOO
BAMBOO**

SIR!

THAT'S AN
EMERGENCY.



PRIORITY
COMMUNICATION,
SIR.

I'VE TAKEN
US TO STANDBY.
YOU CAN TAKE IT
IN OPS.



BUT WHY FAIZA? WHY DID YOU CHOOSE MY DAUGHTER?

THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE THEY'RE NOT TELLING YOU.

WE DIDN'T.



I ALREADY DECIDED I WAS GONNA SHOW YOU THIS.

THE MEDIA THINK IT VANISHED FROM WESTMINSTER BRIDGE.

BUT HERE'S WHY I SAID YES TO ALL THIS--



EXCALIBUR CHOSE ME.

DAD...

DON'T YOU WANT TO HAVE A GO?



AHH! I'VE NEVER FELT...

I CAN FEEL IT...IT IS OF THIS NATION... AND THUS MINE OURS.

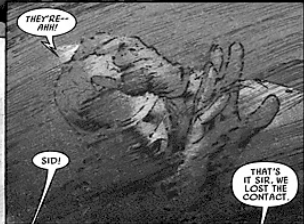
ASTONISHING! I'M NOT A PARTICULARLY RELIGIOUS MAN, MR. WHITMAN, BUT I CAN FEEL IT... THIS IS...

BLESSED.



FAIZA, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

THIS IS UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.









SO THIS
BEING YOUR
STEWARD THING--
WHAT DOES IT
MEAN?

JUST
SOMETHING I
CAME UP WITH TO
GET MYSELF OUT OF
A CORNER.

IF YOU
DON'T WANT
TO--

NO! I DO!
IT'S A GREAT
HONOUR.



YOU CAN
TELL ME ABOUT
IT ON THE
WAY.

AND MAYBE
MORE ABOUT THAT
STONE HEART
THING...



GOOD
TO SEE YOU,
JAC, WE'RE FIVE
MINUTES FROM
TARGET.

BLACK KNIGHT
AND DR. HUSSAIN
COMING ALONGSIDE
NOW, SIR.

ERIC
BROOKS, MEET
LADY JACQUELINE
FALSWORTH-
CRICHTON.

AH, "LADY
JACQUELINE".
THAT'S NOT
WHAT YOU ARE
TO ME.

OH, AND
WHAT AM I
TO YOU, MR.
BLADE?





ANOTHER
DEAD
VAMPIRE!

NEXT: HELL COMES TO BIRMINGHAM, BLADE GOES TO WAR.

THE DU

MINUT



KE BOYS

TEMEN

